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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on May 18, 2004 be extended for three months, to and including November 18, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$490.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please note that the entity status of this application has changed. Applicants hereby claim small entity status, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

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